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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN TRIP TO BHUTAN

REF: MAKEPEACE LETTER TO CONGEN GORDON JUNE 6

1. SECRETARY RIPLEY AND FAMILY VISITING BHUTAN IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER REQUIRE SIX KEROSENE SPACE HEATERS FOR USE IN TENTS. SMALL SIZE UNDERSTOOD TO WEIGHT ABOUT TEN TO TWELVE POUNDS EACH. COULD SUCH HEATERS BE PURCHASED IN CALCUTTA AND WHAT IS APPROXIMATE COST?

2. WOULD KEROSENE SUITABLE FOR USE IN HEATERS BE READILY AVAILABLE IN THIMPU, PARO AND POSSIBLY BUMTHANG?

3. CAN CONGEN RECOMMEND ANY BETTER METHOD FOR HEATING TENTS AT 10,000 TO 15,000 FEET ALTITUDE IN BHUTAN?

4. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS TELEGRAPHIC REPLY. RUSH

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